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1. TODAY'S VIENNA NEWSPAPER "DIE PRESSE" CARRIES SHORT ITEM ON CHIEF FEYIDE'S REMARKS TO VIENNA'S FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION AT A SEPT. 18 LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR. DIE PRESSE STATES FEYIDE REMARKED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S WARNING THAT AN INCREASE OF THE OIL PRICE MIGHT SERIOUSLY DISTURB THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE OIL COUNTRIES WAS QUOTE A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT UNQUOTE OVER THE SECRETARY'S QUOTE MILITARY THREATS UNQUOTE; ALSO, THAT FEYIDE QUOTE PREFERS THE STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENT FORD ACCORDING TO WHICH PRICE INCREASES OF ONE TO TWO DOLLARS PER BARREL WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY SEVERE UNQUOTE. DIE PRESSE ITEM ENDS WITH SENTENCE QUOTE ALSO, VENEZUELA, MAIN SUPPLIER OF THE U.S., REJECTED KISSINGER'S WARNING UNQUOTE.

2. EMBOFF PHONED OPEC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT TO ASCERTAIN ACCURACY OF DIE PRESSE STORY. OPEC SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED ITS ACCURACY, SAYING FEYIDE WAS REFERRING TO PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW REPORTED IN AUG. 11 ISSUE OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.

3. SPOKESMAN SAID FEYIDE ALSO REFERRED AT THE LUNCHEON TO DR. KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT U.S. CANNOT ENTRUST ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DESTINY TO PRODUCING COUNTRIES. SPOKESMAN'S INTERPRETATION OF FEYIDE'S COMMENTS WAS THAT FEYIDE AGREED WITH DR. KISSINGER'S STATEMENT PROVIDED LATTER RECOGNIZES RIGHT OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ADOPT DECISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR INTERESTS.

4. SPOKESMAN SAID FEYIDE DID NOT SPECULATE AT LUNCH

ON OIL PRICE DECISION OF UPCOMING CONFERENCE, SAYING NEWSMEN WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT MINISTERS DECIDE.

5. SPOKESMAN SAID ECONOMIC COMMISSION BOARD MEETING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOW UNDERWAY IS MAKING QUOTE NICE PROGRESS UNQUOTE. HE EXPECTS BOARD WILL COMPLETE ITS WORK ONE OR TWO DAYS BEFORE OPENING OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. BUCHANAN

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